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Glenside Summer Picnic Set for September 9th

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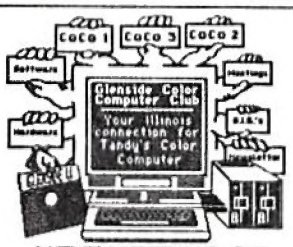
Glenside Picnic

With the help of Club Member, Len Zielinski, the Glenside Color Computer Club of Illinois will hold a family picnic on Saturday, September 9th. This picnic will be at the Schiller Woods Forest Preserve. Throughout the coming meetings, we will be asking you to lend-a-hand in putting this activity together. Neither Len or the other Board Members can do it alone!
As we get more information regarding the time, the food to bring, etc. we will pass it along.
Mark the calender, it WILL be a lot of fun...!

SEPTEMBER 9TH



NEXT MEETING OF
THE GLENSIDE COLOR COMPUTER CLUB

Thursday July 13, 1989 - 7:30pm
GLENSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY
25W. Fullerton Avenue
Glendale Heights, IL

DIRECTIONS: Glendale Heights is located between Glen Ellyn/Wheaton, IL and Bloomingdale, IL. Fullerton Ave. is West of Bloomingdale Road in Glendale Heights. The Library is about a half a mile down West Fullerton on the left side from Bloomingdale Road. The meetings are open to all Tandy Color Computer 1, 2 & 3 users and owners.

JULY NEWSLETTER

Well its summer time once again and as far as I'm concerned, "All is right with the world..."

As in past summers, the old CoCo seems to takes a back seat when the jet stream swings in from the south. Much like the swallows returning to Capistrano, CoCo owners annually flee from the keyboard when the temperature exceeds 60. It must have something to do with the cosmo's!

There is one event happening this year that seems to be going un-noticed.

Ten years ago a battleship gray box of electronic magic was released onto the masses. The Color Computer that we all know and love is celebrating it's 10th birthday this year. Hard as it may seem, Ten years have passed through my CoCo I's power supply. Ten years of repeated on & off, resets, cold pokes, upgrades, chip replacements, a CoCo~Cola tidal wave, every conceivable thing being plugged in or pulled out of the ROM port, and unlike a Timex Sinclare, ' it took a lick'en and keep on tick'en...'!

When the CoCo was first introduced, it's prime competitor was the Commodore Vic-20 & PET computer. Shortly there after came the Commodore 64, Timex Sinclare, TI-99 & TI-99A, the IBM PC, & PC-jr, the Atari 400, 500, 600, 700, 800 series, the Franklin, the Osborn, the Adem, the this and the that computer system. All touting to be your computer answer. Today, only one of the above mentioned computer systems (and quite frankly, there are even more systems that came out that I just can't remember...) is available to the general public. The Color Computer, like the IBM PC, has lived through the early stages of the computer revolution and came out un-scaved! Even through all the advanced

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upgrades that the CoCo experienced, software and hardware that was first introduced ten years ago is still compatible with the current CoCo III! Ten years of CoCo excellence has stood the test of time and continues to grow in popularity.

When I bought my first CoCo ten years ago, I paid $500. And it was ON SALE! Today, you can pick-up a 128k CoCo III on sale for only $130. This is a 285% price reduction for 20 times the machine. I do not believe the IBM PC can make such a claim. During these past ten years, I've had 8 different cars, two different washing machines, two different lawn mowers, four different typewriters, two different audio and video systems, and four different telephone answering machines. None of these items came close in seeing the abuse and use that my CoCo I saw. Yet, the CoCo is still running, still very much apart of this household and now it's having a birthday. Well, HAPPY BIRTHDAY CoCo. As a treat, let me plug in the old Spectaculator ROM-Pak and reminisce for awhile...

Ed Hathaway

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